

And now?

Now, after five years, I -the independent inventor- have to speculate, to guess, which Patent Office is the right and which Patent Office is the wrong!

Because their "final actions" are opposite to each other!

There is no third option: either EPO (by mistake or incapability) approved the patent, or USPTO (by mistake or incapability) refuses to grant the same patent.

The milestone behind "patenting" was the award of the inventor for his novel and useful idea, and thus the promotion of the technology further and further. Instead, the Patenting System, as it runs today, "punishes" the independent inventor with exhaustive delays, with many fees and penalties, with numerous formalities and with "deadly strict" time limits.

The patenting procedure, as it is now, "consumes" a good part of inventor's potential, maybe more than the invention itself.

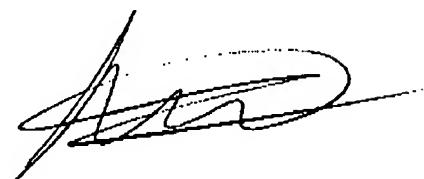
A patent, i.e. "a writing securing to the inventor for a term of years the exclusive right to make, use or sell an invention" according English dictionary, was considered as something quite serious.

The response, for the same patent application, from the two biggest Patent Offices of the world shows that the grant of a patent is not so serious thing any longer.

The Patenting System needs urgent repair, if not a full rebuilding. My case, which is undisputable according the documents from EPO and USPTO, could help to improve things for the future inventors.

With the European patent granted, I hope you will reconsider my case.

Thank you.
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Comments

* Minor text issues in the claims 2 to 5 and 8 to make claims more clearly dependent on claim 1 (Article 84 EPC); Skipping of the word "region" in view of Article 123(2)EPC in claim 4; Adding of "arranged" (Article 84EPC) in claim 6.